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## **Soviet Defector Case**

# **CIA, Angleton's Lawyers Negotiate Right to Secrets**

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Attorneys for the CIA and its former counterintelligence chief, James J. Angleton, were to meet today by order of a federal judge to work out terms for declassifying five documents regarding the harsh treatment to which a Soviet defector named Yuri Nosenko was subjected by the agency.

Angleton, who was fired during the period that William Colby was CIA director, has filed a Freedom of Information suit in U.S. District Court in Alexandria against CIA Director Stansfield Turner to gain access to documents pertaining to the handling of Nosenko.

Judge Albert V. Bryan Jr. refused at a hearing last week to order an immediate turnover of the Nosenko papers to Angleton, but he issued instructions for CIA counsel to get together with Angleton's lawyers on the matter.

**ACCORDING TO** Philip Chabot, Angleton's attorney, the crux of the controversy is testimony received by the House Assassinations Committee last September from CIA witness John Limond Hart.

The witness said Nosenko was confined for 1,277 days of "hostile interrogation" under abominable conditions because the defector was suspected of being a "disinformation agent" by the deputy chief of the CIA for Soviet bloc countries and by the agency's counterintelligence chief.

Hart did not name the officials, but other sources identified the deputy chief as retired CIA officer Peter Bagley and the counterintelligence chief as Angleton.

Angleton testified before the committee in secret session Oct. 5, ac-

ording to Chabot, but is constrained from discussing his testimony because the information remains privileged.

**BUT CHABOT SAID** Angleton has no responsibility for the manner in which Nosenko was confined or interrogated and Angleton has said only that the CIA's Security Division was in charge of the defector during the three years he was held in solitary confinement.

Chabot said Angleton's FOI suit against Turner sought eight documents from the CIA but so far he has received only two declassified papers relating to the conditions of Hart's recall from retirement by the CIA and Hart's guidelines from the agency for testifying before the House panel on the Nosenko case.

Nosenko was considered important in the investigation of the death of President John Kennedy because he was in the KGB and may have had knowledge as to whether Lee Harvey Oswald was connected with the KGB.

**ACCORDING TO** Chabot, the CIA at first agreed to give Angleton access to the documents about Nosenko but early this month said an FOI request would have to be filed.

When the CIA General Counsel's Office said Dec. 14 that it would take from six to nine months to declassify the Nosenko papers for Angleton, Chabot said that was inadequate because the House committee is going out of existence Dec. 31.

Angleton charged in his suit that Hart made statements to the House panel that were frequently false and misleading about his involvement in what was done to Nosenko and that CIA has denied him access to documents he needs to defend himself.